

Good Friday



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Linden-Linthicum United Methodist Church

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Welcome to
Linden-Linthicum United Methodist Church
In this "holy ground" we offer hospitality to all who seek food for
the spirit and a faithful community that seeks to embody and
express God's grace.

Good Friday

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Jeff Bennett

*GREETING:

Leader: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.
People: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**
Leader: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
All: **And we loved darkness rather than light.**

***HYMN:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #298

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

PRAYER

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so
that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory
in his death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our
cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING: Psalm 22

ANTHEM: *For Me He Died* by John Parker & Benjamin Harlan

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

I

Jesus...went forth with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, procuring a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priest and Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When he said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he; so if you seek me, let those men go." This was to fulfill the word which he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup which the father has given me?"

II

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Judean authorities seized Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had given counsel to the religious authorities that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

Hymn: *Were You There* #288 v1

III

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. As this disciple was known to the high priest, he entered the court of the high priest along with Jesus, while Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the woman who guarded the gate and brought Peter in. The woman who guarded the gate said to Peter, "Are you not also one of this man's disciples?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, for it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves; Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself.

IV

The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jewish people come together; I have said nothing secretly. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas, the high priest.

Hymn: *Were You There* #288 v2

V

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said to him, "Are you not also one of his disciples?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the servants of the high priest, a kinsman of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Peter again denied it; and at once the cock crowed.

VI

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered him, "If this man were not an evil doer, we would not have handed him over." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The religious authorities said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." This was to fulfill the word which Jesus had spoken to show by what death he was to die.

Anthem: *My Precious Dying Lord* by John Parker & Mark Hayes

VII

Pilate entered the headquarters again and called to Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handled you over to me; what have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, so that I might not be handed over to the religious authorities; but my kingship is not from the world." Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is the truth?"

VIII

After Pilate had said this, he went to the religious authorities again, and told them, "I find no crime in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover; who will you have me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbus!" Now Barabbus was a robber.

Hymn: *Were You There* #288 v3

IX

Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him saying, "Hail, King of the

Jews!" and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no crime in him." So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests and officers saw him they cried, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The religious authorities answered him, "We have a law and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words he was more afraid; he entered the headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you now know that I have the power to release you and the power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given to you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has greater sin."

X

Upon this Pilate sought to release him, but the religious authorities cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." They handed him over to be crucified.

XI

So they took Jesus, and went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. And two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the Place of the Skull, there they crucified him and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

Anthem : *Wonder*

arr. Jay Althouse

XII

And the soldiers cast lots, dividing up his garments among themselves. And the people stood by watching. And even the rulers were sneering at him saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if this is the Son of God, God's Chosen One." And one of the criminals who was hung there was hurling abuse at him saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom!" And Jesus said, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Hymn: *Were You There* #288 v4

XIII

And it was now about the sixth hour and darkness fell over the whole land until about the ninth hour, the sun being obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And Jesus crying out with a loud voice said, "Father into thy hands I commit my spirit." And having said this, he breathed his last. Now when the centurion had seen all that had happened, he was filled with awe and he said, "Truly this man is a son of God."

XIV

After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of religious authorities, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away his body and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain. And it was the preparation day and the Sabbath was about to begin. Now the women who had come with Jesus out of Galilee followed after and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. And they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandments.

Hymn: *'Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies* #282

Dismissal

Depart in Silence

We Welcome all to Worship
and to Sunday School every Sunday

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

SATURDAY ~ March 22

- **11 am – 2 pm ~ Easter Festival**

All are invited to our annual celebration! Games – Crafts – Face Painting – Moon Bounce. Come visit with the Easter Bunny! And don't forget the Egg Hunt! \$5 family suggested Love Offering.

- **6 pm ~ Great Prayer Vigil Service and Reception**

You are invited to join the LLUMC Prayer Ministry for the Second Annual Great Prayer Vigil on the night before Easter. From 7 pm to Sunrise Service, you can also participate by praying for an hour. Contact Rev. Laurice at joneswilks@aol.com to sign up for a time in this continuous vigil of prayer.

EASTER SUNDAY ~ March 23

- **6:30 am – Sunrise Service** ~ Watch the sun rise as you celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord this Sunday at 6:30 am. Confirmation students will guide us through an ancient Easter Vigil. This service has been celebrated by Christians since the 1st Century. We will gather in the courtyard around a fire, and then bring our light into the dark Great Room. Readings and prayers will guide us through the work of God in our world from the beginning of creation. We invite you to join us as we celebrate this holy service of resurrection!

- **8:00 am – Early Risers Easter Service with Communion**

- **9:00 am – Easter Celebration Worship with Music**

- **10:30 am – Easter Celebration Worship with Music**

Good Friday Offering – Please place your offering
in the basket in the back of the church.

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Welcome Visitors

To Learn More about LLUMC, who we are and what we do, please stop by the Information Table in the Narthex, contact the church office, or visit our web site at www.l-lumc.org. Thank you for coming and worshipping with us today. We hope our greeters, Info Person, and hospitality made you feel welcomed and answered your questions.